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**“FCI-BIG SPRING ALUMNI CLUB” GANG LEADER PLEADS GUILTY
TO FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Midland, Texas, today Adrian Crook (a/k/a Big Boo), the leader of a major drug trafficking gang many have referred to as the “FCI-Big Spring Alumni Club,” pled guilty to federal conspiracy charges. As a result of his guilty plea, Crook faces a minimum of twenty years up to life in federal prison.

Two of his lieutenants, Jose “Juni” Padilla and Elias “Old Boy” Carrillo, pled guilty to conspiracy charges yesterday and respectively face a minimum of twenty years up to life and a minimum ten years up to life for their roles in assisting Crook. The three defendants will be sentenced in approximately 90 days.

According to the indictment and as part of their guilty pleas, the three have admitted that they met while they were serving sentences at the federal prison in Big Spring, Texas for drug trafficking. When they were released, they worked together to establish themselves as major drug traffickers. By November 2003, the gang was manufacturing and distributing large amounts of crack cocaine in Midland, Odessa, Dallas, Lubbock, and San Angelo.

Other members of the conspiracy who have plead guilty include: Joseph Green, Philonicus Fobbs, Tammy Bradley, Raymond Duarte and D’Marria Monday. They each face a minimum of ten years up to life in federal prison.

A federal grand jury indicted Crook and twenty other defendants in May for Conspiracy to Manufacture, Distribute, and Possess with Intent to Distribute More Than 50 grams of Crack Cocaine. The indictment was the result of a two year Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Texas Department of Public Safety. The Midland Police Department, Odessa Police Department, Monahans Police Department, Ector County Sheriff’s Office, Midland County Sheriff’s Office, San Angelo Drug Task Force and West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force also participated in the investigation.

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